

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
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Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, October 21, 2020
The Utility Board met at the City Center Council Chambers

In Phil Starkey's absence, Brian Bess called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present:

Brian Bess
Dale Gardner
Phillip King
Butch Singleton

Phillip Starkey was absent

Others present:

Michael Pavey	Mayor
Les Day	Superintendent
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Geoff Wesling	City Attorney

Dale Gardner motioned to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2020 meeting.
Phil King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

During the Superintendent's report, Les Day told everyone that the Phosphorus level at the Wastewater Plant was at 1.0 which is within the limit for the month of September. There was one sewer complaint and 1,000 feet of sewer main cleaned. Also, there was one rusty water complaint that was reported by the customer on Comcate and a service call was completed to take care of the problem.

Phil King asked Les if there is a policy for backflow preventer at the Water Plant. Les said that there is not. Phil King said that there is a need to have a policy in place.

Les told everyone that a smaller meter was installed at the Elks Lodge to reduce their water bill. Their cost savings will be approximately \$300.00 per month.

There were three customer concerns for adjustments on high bills. The first adjustment was for Pam Barnard. Her water line to her outside spigot was leaking. Her high bill was \$936.66. She was requesting an adjustment of \$881.74. There was not enough proper paperwork to show that her leak had been fixed. Butch Singleton motioned to approve the adjustment pending more information from Mrs. Barnard. Dale Gardner seconded the motion.

The next adjustment was for Laura Taylor. Her leak was due to her water heater. Her high bill was \$695.26. She was requesting an adjustment of \$588.67, and the last request was for Randy Hankins. His leak was also due to his water heater. His high bill was \$1,041.39. He was requesting an adjustment of \$986.09. Both customers had repair bills for their leaks. Butch Singleton motioned to approve their adjustments. Dale Gardner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Under new business, Les told everyone that the sewage meter at Intat Precision had not been working since 2017. Lori Turner had been estimating the bill for this meter at 25,000 cubic feet per month since 2017. City Utilities just replaced the meter and the usage was already at 20,000 cubic feet within one week. Les will notify Intat Precision to let them know of the situation. The meter will be calibrated on an annual basis to assure that it is working properly.

Next on the agenda was a discussion on meter reading issues. Les said that Utility Supply did an \$8,000.00 upgrade to the system for the Neptune meters but there are more meters that are not reading since the upgrade. Phil King asked Les if he had contacted Utility Supply to let them know that they need to correct the problem. Les said that he texted Scott, the representative, but that he had not heard back from him. Phil told Les to e-mail Scott and copy the e-mail to Geoff Wesling so that Geoff can stay on top of the situation.

Les said that he had 8 Zenner meters from Utility Pipe installed at the Rushview Mobile Home Park for a pilot program. He said that this system for the Zenner meters would have more capability to catch customers' leaks and high consumption quicker. Gina told everyone that the problem with the Zenner meters is that the office staff will have to manually input all 42 meters after they are installed. Brian Bess asked Les if it was possible to put in Neptune meters in the remaining pits. Les said that it will be possible to use Neptune meters.

Les had hired Bastin Logan to drill two locations for a possible new well site. One was on the west side of city and the other one was at the Industrial Park on the north side of the city. When they drilled on the west side, they hit limestone. Les followed up with the company about the north side and he was told that they had drilled there a few years ago and hit limestone so there was no need to drill there again.

Next on the agenda was the Utilities employees' pay scales for 2021. The Board members asked Les and Gina to use the AIM pay summary to set pay scales for their employees. They both presented their pay scale summaries to the Board members. Mayor Pavey said that there will not be raises for the City's employees in 2021. The Board members will set a meeting for themselves to discuss the issue and will give a decision at the November meeting.

Brian Bess checked claims for the month. Butch Singleton motioned to approve the claims. Phil King seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mayor Pavey told the Board members that WTH Technology has had our GIS equipment for over a year and he told Les to get in contact with them to get it back. Les said that he had a zoom meeting scheduled with them for Thursday morning and he would tell them then.

Phil King motioned to adjourn. Butch Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 5 p.m. at the City Center.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.